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## Federal Budget 2013

The Budget 2013, tabled by the Minister of Finance on March 21, 2013, includes several proposed measures relating to the GST/HST and excise duty. Legislation to implement certain of these measures, Bill C-60, the *Economic Action Plan 2013 Act, No 1*, received Second Reading in the House of Commons on May 7, 2013. This proposed legislation also confirms the Government's intention to proceed with previously announced tax measures including proposed changes to certain GST/HST rules relating to financial institutions. The following are highlights of these measures for GST/HST and excise duty purposes.

### GST/HST

#### Health care services

Supplies of basic health care services and certain health-related assistive services are generally exempt from the GST/HST. Budget 2013 proposes amendments to expand the exemption for homemaker services to reflect current provincial and territorial practices for health-related assistive services delivered to persons in their homes.

#### Home care services

Currently, publicly subsidized or funded homemaker services, such as cleaning, laundering, meal preparation and child care rendered to an individual who, due to age, infirmity or disability, requires

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assistance in his or her home, are exempt from the GST/HST. This exemption does not cover personal care services such as bathing, feeding, and assistance with activities of daily living.

Effective for supplies made after March 21, 2013, the budget proposes to expand the exemption for homemaker services to include publicly subsidized or funded personal care services, rendered to an individual who, due to age, infirmity or disability requires such assistance at home. Accordingly, it is proposed that the definition of "homemaker service" be repealed and the new definition of "home care service" be added. The new definition will include personal care services such as bathing, feeding and assistance with dressing and taking medication as well as household services, such as cleaning, laundering, meal preparation and child care.

Where a service provider charges GST/HST on an exempt supply of a home care service made after March 21, 2013, the supplier may refund or credit the GST/HST to the purchaser. Alternatively, purchasers who have paid an amount as GST/HST on exempt supplies may claim a rebate of tax paid in error using Form GST189, *General Application for Rebate of GST/HST*. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) will not pay rebates in respect of claims for GST/HST paid on supplies of exempt home care services made after March 21, 2013 until after the proposed amendments receive Royal Assent.

#### **Reports and services for non-health care purposes**

Supplies of basic health care services are generally exempt from the GST/HST. Services that are provided solely for non-health care purposes are not intended to be exempted as health care services, even if rendered by health care professionals.

Effective for supplies made after March 21, 2013, the budget proposes to clarify that the GST/HST applies to health care reports, examinations and other services that are not performed for the purpose of the protection, maintenance or restoration of the health of an individual or for palliative care. Such taxable supplies would include reports, examinations and other services performed solely for the purpose of determining liability in a court proceeding or under an insurance policy. Supplies of property and services in respect of a taxable supply of a report, examination or other service, such as charges for an x-ray or lab test in relation to a taxable examination, would also be taxable. Reports, examinations and other services paid for by a provincial or territorial health insurance plan will continue to be exempt.

It should be noted that Policy statement P-248, *The Application of the GST/HST to the Supply of an Independent Medical Examination (IME) and to Other Independent Assessments*, would be obsolete in respect of supplies made after March 21, 2013.

#### **The Governor General and the GST/HST**

Currently, a supply of a property or a service that is for the use of the Governor General is zero-rated. The budget proposes that, effective July 1, 2013, such supplies will no longer be zero-rated. As a result, the Governor General and his office will pay the GST/HST on taxable purchases made on or after July 1, 2013, and will be able to recover the GST/HST paid on purchases for official use in the same manner as other federal government departments.

#### **Business identification information**

Currently, basic business identification information is required to be provided at the time of GST/HST registration. This includes the legal and operating name of the business, type of ownership, ownership details, business activity and contact information.

Effective on the date of Royal Assent, the budget proposes that the Minister of National Revenue be given the discretionary authority to withhold the payment of GST/HST refunds to a person until all of the person's prescribed business identification information has been provided and is accurate. The refund hold will be applied in a fair and judicious manner.

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## **Pension plan rules**

Currently, an employer that participates in a registered pension plan (a participating employer) is deemed to have made a taxable supply to the pension entity of the pension plan when it acquires, consumes or uses inputs in activities relating to the pension plan. These “deemed taxable supply rules” require the participating employer to account for deemed tax on inputs:

- acquired for supply to the pension entity;
- consumed or used in making supplies to the pension entity; and
- consumed or used (but not for supply) in the employer’s internal pension activities in respect of the pension plan (e.g., payroll employee’s time in respect of pension deductions).

In the first two circumstances, the employer also has to account for tax on actual supplies to the pension entity of those same resources. When this happens, the employer is allowed to make an adjustment to their net tax to ensure tax is remitted only once.

### **Election to not account for GST/HST on actual taxable supplies**

Effective for supplies made after March 21, 2013, the budget proposes to allow a participating employer of a pension plan and a pension entity of the pension plan to make a joint election to treat an actual taxable supply of property or a service by the employer to the pension entity as being made for no consideration where the employer accounts for and remits tax on the deemed supply of the property or service or on the consumption or use of inputs for the purpose of making the actual supply. This would eliminate the need for a tax adjustment. The election should be filed with the Minister of National Revenue on or before the first day of the employer’s fiscal year for which the election is to have effect or any later day that the Minister may allow. A determination of whether an election will be accepted late would be made on a case-by-case basis. To allow an employer to take immediate advantage of the new provision, an election that is filed after the first day of the employer’s fiscal year that includes March 21, 2013 would generally be accepted provided that (i) the employer was a participating employer on the first day of that fiscal year; (ii) the election is filed by the end of the 2013 calendar year; and (iii) the employer and pension entity acted after March 21, 2013 as if the election had been in place. The election would apply only to actual supplies made after March 21, 2013.

If the employer fails to remit tax on the deemed supplies for a particular fiscal year, the CRA would be able to:

- cancel the election effective from the beginning of the employer’s fiscal year; and
- assess the employer for both the actual tax and the deemed tax for that fiscal year, plus interest.

### **Relief from accounting for tax on deemed taxable supplies**

Effective for fiscal years of an employer beginning after March 21, 2013, the budget also proposes that:

- A participating employer of a pension plan would be fully relieved from applying the deemed taxable supply rules in respect of the pension plan for a fiscal year where:
  - an election with a pension entity of the pension plan to treat actual taxable supplies as being made for no consideration (discussed above) is not in effect for the employer; and
  - the amount of the GST (including the federal part of the HST) that the employer was (or would have been, but for this measure) required to account for and remit under the deemed supply rules in respect of the pension plan in its preceding fiscal year is both less than \$5,000 and less than 10% of the total net GST (including the federal part of the HST) paid by all pension entities of that pension plan in that preceding fiscal year.
- A participating employer not satisfying the above \$5,000 and 10% thresholds may be relieved from applying the deemed taxable supply rules to inputs acquired for consumption or use (but not supply) in its internal pension activities in respect of the pension plan. This relief would be available if the amount of the GST (including the federal part of the HST) that the employer was (or would have been, but for this measure) required to account for and remit for deemed supplies related to the

employer's internal pension activities in respect of the pension plan in its preceding fiscal year is below the \$5,000 and 10% thresholds. An employer that is entitled to relief under this provision would also be able to treat its actual taxable supplies as being for no consideration where the election, discussed above, is in effect.

These proposed amendments are included in Bill C-60, the *Economic Action Plan 2013 Act, No. 1*.

## **Excise duty**

### **Manufactured tobacco**

The federal budget 2013 proposes amendments to the *Excise Act, 2001* to increase the rates of excise duty and special duty on manufactured tobacco other than cigarettes and tobacco sticks. Certain fines and a penalty have also been changed to reflect the new rates. These rates took effect midnight March 21, 2013.

More detailed information and the proposed new rates are published in Excise Duty Notice EDN33, *Changes to Excise Duty Rates on Manufactured Tobacco*.

## **Regulations Amending Various GST/HST Regulations, No. 4**

The *Regulations Amending Various GST/HST Regulations, No. 4* were adopted on April 18, 2013 and were published in the *Canada Gazette* on May 8, 2013. These regulations include amendments to the *Selected Listed Financial Institutions Attribution Method (GST/HST) Regulations* and to other regulations relating to financial institutions, to implement the new rules for financial institutions outstanding from the introduction of the HST in Ontario and British Columbia. These regulations also implement rules for financial institutions related to the winding down of the HST in British Columbia.

## **Reminder – changes to harmonized sales tax in Prince Edward Island and British Columbia**

Effective April 1, 2013, Prince Edward Island (P.E.I.) has an HST. The HST rate in P.E.I. is 14% of which 5% represents the federal part and 9% the provincial part.

Effective April 1, 2013, the 12% HST, consisting of a 5% federal part and a 7% provincial part, no longer applies in British Columbia (B.C.). Instead, the GST at 5% and a provincial sales tax apply.

Please go to the CRA "Changes to the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)" Web page for a complete list of technical publications on these changes for both B.C. and P.E.I.

## **Music programs**

A supply of a service of tutoring or instructing an individual in music lessons is exempt from the GST/HST. The CRA views a lesson as an activity designed to result in a progression or development of skills toward a pre-set lesson goal or objective. Music lessons involve formal instruction that develops skills in musical performance involving the use of the human voice or musical instruments, conducting an orchestra or musical composition.

Music lessons would not include instruction devoted to music-recording skills, music history or the teaching of techniques of music education. The fact that an activity involves music does not mean it is a supply of instruction in music or a music lesson. Activities involving music entertainment or appreciation and recreational courses that include an element of music (e.g. ballroom dancing, aerobics) would not be considered music lessons.



Whether a particular activity or program is a music lesson is a question of fact. The CRA has developed the following questions to help determine whether an activity or program is a music lesson for GST/HST purposes. These questions are not necessarily all-inclusive or of equal significance in each particular case.

- Does the supplier provide instruction in identifiable musical skills or concepts?
- Is the program delivered in a structured and sequential manner with defined goals or objectives?
- Are students required to complete an examination or assessment to determine the appropriate class placement or starting level of instruction?
- Does the instructor provide students with feedback regarding their progress? Or are there examinations to identify the students' progress during or upon completion of the program?
- Does the instructor possess any qualifications in music (e.g., a degree in music or other musical training)?
- Does the instructor use a recognized method of teaching music?
- Are the lessons designed to meet criteria specified by a governing body that lead to standardized assessment or certification by either the governing body or their authorized representatives?
- Does the program involve non-musical elements? If so, what proportion of the program schedule is devoted to instruction in music? Can the other elements be connected to musical concepts or methods of teaching music?
- What is the main purpose of the program? That is, is the program provided to teach musical skills, or for some other purpose such as recreation?
- How is the program advertised and promoted?

If a supplier provides multiple music programs, some of these programs may be considered music lessons for GST/HST purposes while others may not. For instance, some suppliers may provide different programs designed for participants in a particular age range. Each program must be considered separately.

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#### **Example**

A supplier offers a program for pre-school aged children and their parents. The program is advertised as a great way for families to spend time together and have fun. The program consists of singing, musical games, dancing, storytelling and play time. Although the program involves some musical elements, most of the program schedule is devoted to other activities. The main purpose of the program is to promote child development and socialization. This program would not qualify as a music lesson for GST/HST purposes. Therefore, the supplier must charge GST/HST on its supplies of the program.

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### **Matsqui First Nation implements First Nations goods and services tax**

Starting May 21, 2013, the First Nations goods and services tax (FNGST) applies to supplies made on the lands of the Matsqui First Nation, excluding supplies made on the reserve (i.e., Pekw'xe:yles) that the Matsqui First Nation shares with other British Columbia First Nations.

Everyone, including Indians, pays the FNGST on goods and services acquired on the reserve lands of the Matsqui First Nation.

As the FNGST is designed to work within the GST/HST framework, no additional forms or changes to registration are required. Vendors simply apply the FNGST to their supplies of goods and services made on the reserves of the Matsqui First Nation in the same manner as the GST/HST.

#### **Further information**

The CRA has published a notice regarding the implementation of the FNGST: NOTICE283, *The Matsqui First Nation Implements the First Nations Goods and Services Tax*. If you require additional information

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on the FNGST, see Booklet RC4365, *First Nations Goods and Services Tax (FNGST)*, check the CRA Web site at [www.cra.gc.ca/aboriginalpeoples](http://www.cra.gc.ca/aboriginalpeoples) or contact the CRA at 1 800 959 5525.

## **What's new with GST/HST electronic filing?**

Effective April 8, 2013, several new services are available for GST/HST return filers:

### **Electronic filing of Form GST106,**

Form GST106, *Information on Claims Paid or Credited for Foreign Conventions and Tour Packages* can be filed through an online Web form when filing a GST34 return using GST/HST NETFILE or "File a return" in My Business Account and Represent a Client. Form GST106 can also be filed separately using "File a return" in My Business Account and Represent a Client.

### **Reporting of BC transition tax and BC transition rebate**

Schedule A of the GST34 return has been updated with new fields to report the BC transition tax and BC transition rebate. These new fields apply to builders of housing in British Columbia, as part of the province's return to the PST, and are accessible using GST/HST NETFILE and "File a return" in My Business Account and Represent a Client. For more information about the BC transition tax and BC transition rebate see GST/HST Info Sheet GI-156, *Elimination of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia: British Columbia Transition Tax on New Housing*, GST/HST Info Sheet GI-157, *Elimination of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia: British Columbia Transition Rebate for Builders of New Housing* and GST/HST Notice 276, *Elimination of the HST in British Columbia in 2013 – Transitional Rules for Real Property Including New Housing*.

### **Electronic filing requirements for persons in PEI**

Certain persons in PEI are required to file their GST34 returns electronically for any reporting periods ending on or after April 1, 2013. For information on electronic filing, who is required to file their GST/HST returns electronically, and line by line instructions for completing the GST/HST NETFILE return, see GST/HST Info Sheet GI-099, *Builders and Electronic Filing Requirements* and GST/HST Info Sheet GI-118, *Builders and GST/HST NETFILE*. Schedule A of the GST34 return has been updated with new fields to report information for filers in PEI.

## **What's new with online services?**

### **Register for online mail**

You can now choose to receive notices of assessment and reassessment, and some letters online. When you register for this new service, the CRA will no longer print and mail correspondence items to you. Instead, you will receive an email to notify you that there is mail to view in your secure online business account.

Using the new online mail service is much faster and easier, compared to managing paper mail. Go to My Business Account at [www.cra.gc.ca/mybusinessaccount](http://www.cra.gc.ca/mybusinessaccount), and select "Manage online mail" from the left sidebar menu.

### **View mail**

We have renamed the "View correspondence" service to "View mail (correspondence)." You can view a notice of assessment, letter, or statement in "View mail" up to three years from the date of the item.

## **Direct deposit**

Instead of being sent a cheque for your refunds and rebates, enjoy the convenience of direct deposit.

Wherever your business takes you, make sure your CRA refunds and rebates can reach you. Asking for direct deposit means you will receive your money faster and it will be deposited directly into your account at a Canadian financial institution.

To sign up for direct deposit, fill out form RC366, *Direct Deposit Request for GST/HST, Payroll, and/or Corporation Income Tax*.

## Prescribed rates of interest

The prescribed annual rate of interest in effect from April 1, 2013, to June 30, 2013, on overdue amounts payable to the Minister is 5%. The prescribed annual rate of interest on amounts owed by the Minister (i.e., rebates or refunds) is 1% for corporate taxpayers and 3% for non-corporate taxpayers. These rates are applicable to income tax, excise tax, the softwood lumber products export charge, GST/HST and the air travellers security charge (ATSC) and excise duty on wine, spirits and tobacco.

The prescribed annual rate of interest respecting excise duty on beer, on overdue amounts payable for the indicated period, is set at 3%. Refund interest rates are not applicable for amounts owed by the Minister (i.e., rebates or refunds) for excise duty that is in relation to beer.

PERIOD	GST/HST, Excise Tax, Softwood Lumber Products Export Charge, Excise Duty (wine, spirits, tobacco), Income Tax, ATSC		Excise Duty (beer)	
	REFUND INTEREST <i>Corporate Taxpayers</i>	<i>Non-Corporate Taxpayers</i>	ARREARS AND INSTALMENT INTEREST	ARREARS INTEREST
April 1 to June 30, 2013	1%	3%	5%	3%
January 1 to March 31, 2013	1%	3%	5%	3%
October 1 to December 31, 2012	1%	3%	5%	3%
July 1 to September 30, 2012	1%	3%	5%	3%

Prescribed interest rates for previous years are available on the CRA Web site at [www.cra.gc.ca/interestrates](http://www.cra.gc.ca/interestrates).

## What's new in publications

The following is a list of new or revised excise and GST/HST forms and publications.

### GST/HST forms

GST60	<i>GST/HST Return for Acquisition of Real Property</i>
GST66	<i>Application for GST/HST Public Service Bodies' Rebate and GST Self-Government Refund</i>
GST71	<i>Notification of Accounting Periods for GST/HST</i>
GST115	<i>GST/HST Rebate Application for Tour Packages</i>
GST189	<i>General Application for Rebate of GST/HST</i>
GST190	<i>GST/HST New Housing Rebate Application for Houses Purchased from a Builder</i>
GST191	<i>GST/HST New Housing Rebate Application for Owner-Built Houses</i>
GST191-WS	<i>Construction Summary Worksheet</i>
GST192	<i>GST/HST Transitional Rebate Application for Builders of New Housing on Leased Land</i>
GST193	<i>GST/HST Transitional Rebate Application for Purchasers of New Housing</i>

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GST370	<i>Employee and Partner GST/HST Rebate Application</i>
GST489	<i>Return for Self-Assessment of the Provincial Part of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)</i>
GST495	<i>Rebate Application for Provincial Part of Harmonized Sales Tax (HST)</i>
GST515	<i>Direct Deposit Request for the GST/HST New Housing Rebate</i>
GST518	<i>GST/HST Specially Equipped Motor Vehicle Rebate Application</i>
GST524	<i>GST/HST New Residential Rental Property Rebate Application</i>
GST525	<i>Supplement to the New Residential Rental Property Rebate Application - Co-op and Multiple Units</i>
RC199	<i>Voluntary Disclosures Program (VDP) - Taxpayer Agreement</i>
RC376	<i>Taxpayer Relief Request Statement of Income and Expenses and Assets and Liabilities for Individuals</i>
RC4530	<i>Election or Revocation of an Election to Use a Production Proxy to Report the Recapture of Input Tax Credits</i>
RC4531	<i>Election or Revocation of an Election to Use the Estimation and Reconciliation Method to Report the Recapture of Input Tax Credits</i>
RC7000-BC	<i>British Columbia Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Transitional New Housing Rebate</i>
RC7000-PE	<i>Prince Edward Island Provincial Sales Tax Transitional New Housing Rebate</i>
RC7001-BC	<i>British Columbia Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Transitional New Housing Rebate - Residential Condominiums</i>
RC7001-PE	<i>Prince Edward Island Provincial Sales Tax Transitional New Housing Rebate - Residential Condominiums</i>
RC7002-BC	<i>British Columbia Provincial Sales Tax (PST) - Transitional New Housing Rebate - Apartment Buildings</i>
RC7002-PE	<i>Prince Edward Island Provincial Sales Tax Transitional New Housing Rebate - Apartment Buildings</i>
RC7003-BC	<i>British Columbia Provincial Sales Tax (PST) Transitional New Housing Rebate for Non-Registrant First Resellers</i>
RC7003-PE	<i>Prince Edward Island Provincial Sales Tax Transitional New Housing Rebate for Non-registrant First Resellers</i>
RC7004-BC	<i>British Columbia Transition Rebate</i>
RC7066-SCH	<i>Provincial Schedule - GST/HST Public Service Bodies' Rebate</i>
RC7190-BC	<i>GST190 British Columbia Rebate Schedule</i>
RC7190-WS	<i>GST190 Calculation Worksheet</i>
RC7191-BC	<i>GST191 British Columbia Rebate Schedule</i>
RC7191-ON	<i>GST191 Ontario Rebate Schedule</i>
RC7271	<i>Notification of Accounting Periods of a Selected Listed Financial Institution for GST/HST and QST</i>
RC7524-BC	<i>GST524 British Columbia Rebate Schedule</i>

### **GST/HST guides, booklets and pamphlets**

RC4022	<i>General Information for GST/HST Registrants</i>
RC4027	<i>Doing Business in Canada - GST/HST Information for Non-Residents</i>
RC4028	<i>GST/HST New Housing Rebate</i>
RC4033	<i>General Application for GST/HST Rebates</i>
RC4034	<i>GST/HST Public Service Bodies' Rebate</i>
RC4036	<i>GST/HST Information for the Travel and Convention Industry</i>
RC4049	<i>GST/HST Information for Municipalities</i>
RC4058	<i>Quick Method of Accounting for GST/HST</i>
RC4072	<i>First Nations Tax (FNT)</i>
RC4080	<i>GST/HST Information for Freight Carriers</i>
RC4081	<i>GST/HST Information for Non-Profit Organizations</i>
RC4082	<i>GST/HST Information for Charities</i>
RC4091	<i>GST/HST Rebate for Partners - Includes Form GST370</i>

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RC4100	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax and the Provincial Motor Vehicle Tax</i>
RC4103	<i>GST/HST Information for Suppliers of Publications</i>
RC4160	<i>Rebate for Tour Packages, Foreign Conventions, and Non-Resident Exhibitor Purchases</i>
RC4231	<i>GST/HST New Residential Rental Property Rebate</i>
RC4247	<i>The Special Quick Method of Accounting for Public Service Bodies</i>
RC4365	<i>First Nations Goods and Services Tax (FNGST)</i>

### **GST/HST info sheets**

GI-095	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Information on the Transitional Tax Adjustment for Builders of Housing in Ontario and British Columbia (revised)</i>
GI-096	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Provincial Transitional New Housing Rebates for Housing in Ontario and British Columbia (revised)</i>
GI-099	<i>Builders and Electronic Filing Requirements (revised)</i>
GI-118	<i>Builders and GST/HST NETFILE (revised)</i>
GI-135	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Services</i>
GI-136	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Intangible Personal Property</i>
GI-137	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Memberships</i>
GI-138	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Passenger Transportation Services</i>
GI-139	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Admissions</i>
GI-140	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Freight Transportation Services</i>
GI-141	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Transportation Passes</i>
GI-142	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Prepaid Funeral and Cemetery Arrangements and Interment Property</i>
GI-143	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Tour Packages</i>
GI-144	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Purchasers of New Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-145	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Information on Owner-built Homes, Mobile Homes and Floating Homes in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-146	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Information for Builders of New Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-147	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Stated Price Net of the GST/HST New Housing Rebate in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-148	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Stated Price Net of GST/HST New Housing Rebate and the P.E.I. PST Transitional New Housing Rebate</i>
GI-149	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Information for Landlords of New Rental Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-150	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Information on the Transitional Tax Adjustment for Builders of Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-151	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Provincial Transitional New Housing Rebate for Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-152	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Assignment of Purchase and Sale Agreements for Grandparented Housing in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-153	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Builder Disclosure Requirements in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-154	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Payment of the GST/HST by Prince Edward Island Government Entities</i>
GI-155	<i>British Columbia: Transition to the Goods and Services Tax - Payment of the GST/HST by B.C. Government Entities</i>
GI-156	<i>Elimination of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia: British Columbia Transition Tax on New Housing</i>
GI-157	<i>Elimination of the Harmonized Sales Tax in British Columbia: British Columbia Transition Rebate for Builders of New Housing</i>

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GI-158	<i>Payment of the GST/HST by Quebec Government Entities</i>
GI-159	<i>HST and First Nations in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-160	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Goods</i>
GI-161	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Returns and Exchanges</i>
GI-162	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Continuous Supplies and Budget Payment Arrangements</i>
GI-163	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax: Leases of Real Property in Prince Edward Island</i>
GI-164	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Information for Non-registrant Builders</i>
GI-165	<i>Prince Edward Island: Transition to the Harmonized Sales Tax - Builders and Recaptured Input Tax Credits</i>

### **GST/HST notices**

NOTICE282	<i>Harmonized Sales Tax for Prince Edward Island - Questions and Answers that Relate to Public Service Bodies, Health and Education</i>
NOTICE283	<i>The Matsqui First Nation Implements the First Nations Goods and Services Tax</i>

### **GST/HST technical information bulletins**

B-107	<i>Investment Plans (Including Segregated Funds of an Insurer) and the HST (revised)</i>
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### **Excise forms**

B254	<i>Application for Refund of the Air Travellers Security Charge</i>
B270	<i>Excise Act 2001 - Excise Duty Return - Non-Licensee</i>
B284	<i>Election or Revocation of the Election for Semi-Annual Reporting</i>
N10	<i>Excise Act Application for Refund/Deduction</i>
N15	<i>Excise Tax Act - Application for Refund/Rebate</i>
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For technical help while using our online services:

- business accounts, call 1-877-322-7849
- teletypewriter users, call 1-888-768-0951
- calls outside of Canada and the United States, call 709-772-8371 collect

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For specific account-related enquiries, use the online "Enquiries service" on My Business Account. Select the "Submit an enquiry" option to send us your question and receive a response electronically.

For general information and to make enquiries regarding your account (except for softwood lumber products export charge accounts), call Business Enquiries at 1-800-959-5525.

For enquiries regarding your softwood lumber products export charge account, call 1-800-935-0313.

To make enquiries regarding the status of specific GST/HST domestic rebate claims, call 1-800-565-9353.

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For GST/HST account-related enquiries or for registration for a CRA business number, call Business Enquiries at 1-800-959-5525. For GST/HST technical enquiries, call GST/HST Rulings at 1-855-666-5166.

For QST account-related enquiries for reporting periods ending on or after January 1, 2013 or for registration for a CRA business number effective on or after January 1, 2013, call Business Enquiries at 1-800-959-5525. For technical enquiries related to the amended QST, call GST/HST Rulings at 1-855-666-5166.

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